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1. THE APPRAISAL PAPER REFERRED TO IN REFTEL HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ITS' DRAFTERS, GHOSE OF INDIA AND DIALLO OF UPPER VOLTA, WILL BE PRESENTING THE PAPER TO THE GROUP OF 77 THIS WEEK IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE APPROVED BY THE GROUP BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER. WHEN THE DRAFT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE G-77, COPIES OF IT WILL BE GIVEN TO REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GROUPS AND INTER-GROUP CONSULTATIONS WOULD TEHN COMMENCE.

2. USUN HAS MANAGED TO GET A COPY OF THE GHOSE-DILLO DRAFT. THE COMPLETE TEXT, SOME 14 PAGES IN ALL, IS BEING POUCHED TO IO/CMD, ATTENTION TANK. THE PAPER IS CONFIDENTIAL

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DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN SECTIONS, ONE ENTITLED EVALUATION,

TWO ENTITLED FURTHER ACTION AND THREE ENTITLED REMAINING TASKS. THE PAPER TAKES THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION. THE TONE OF THE 14-PAGE PAPER CAN BE DEDUCED FROM ITS INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE QUOTED BELOW. IT IS OVERALL A CARPING PAPER. ALTHOUGH SOME ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT REFERENCES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, SUCH AS THE "RIGHT OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES" AND LANGUAGE CONCERNING PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UN FAMILY TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN CREATING AND RUNNING PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS.

3. THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD US THAT THE EC-9 COUNTRIES HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF DRAFTING A COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. NO DECISION ON THIS MATTER HAS YET BEEN TAKEN BY THE EC-9, PENDING AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEIR REVIEW OF THE G-77 PAPER. USUN WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHEN AND IF THE EC-9 TAKES A DECISION ON THIS MATTER. IRRESPECTIVE OF THE EC-9, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DRAFTING A COUNTER-PROPOSAL PARALLELING THAT OF THE G-77. THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS TACTIC AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WERE ABUNDANT.

4. USUN WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATION WITHIN THE G-77 ON THE DRAFT REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PAPER.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 83 OF ITS RESOLUTION 2626 (XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER, 1970 AND EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE:

BEARING IN MIND THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202(S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER;
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FURTHER BEARING IN MIND RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII);
ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF THE MID-TERM OVER-ALL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE:

INTRODUCTION

1. THIS MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL TAKES PLACE AT A TIME WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IS RAPIDLY CHANGING AND WHERE EVENTS HAVE FOLLOWED EACH OTHER SO RAPIDLY AS TO SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE OLD ECONOMIC ORDER. THE BRETTON WOODS SYSTEM BROKE DOWN IN 1971. FROM JANUARY 1973 THE PRICES OF FOOD, FUEL AND FERTILIZERS ROSE RAPIDLY WITH AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BY 1974, MOST COMMODITY PRICES SLUMPED. THE SITUATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS FURTHER EXACERBATED BY THE RECESSION COMBINED WITH THE CONTINUED RAPID INFLATION IN THE DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMIES.

2. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LED TO THE CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH STRESSED THE NEED TO WORK ON THE BASIS OF EQUITY, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INTER-DEPENDENCE, COMMON INTERESTS AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL STATES.

3. THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE AGGREGATIVE TARGETS SET UP IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WERE MET OR EXCEEDED WAS DUE PURELY TO EXTERNAL FACTORS SUCH AS THE EXTREMELY RAPID INCREASE IN DEMAND GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMIES IN 1972 RATHER THAN AN IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE STRATEGY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; RETRO-GRADE STEPS WERE TAKEN IN THE FIELD OF TRADE RELATIONS, WITH AN ADVERSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FAILED TO KEEP PACE WITH INFLATION AND IN REALY TERMS FELL. THE DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AFTER THE SO CALLED "COMMODITY BOOM" CAN THEREFORE BEEN SEEN AS A RESULT OF NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY MEASURES OUTLINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WHICH CALLED FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH

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SUPPORTIVE POLICY MEASURES.

4. DESPITE AGREEMENT EVEN AT THE 1ST BIENNIAL REVIEW ON THE NECESSITY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY MEASURES AGREED UPON, THERE HAS BEEN BY AND LARGE NO MOVEMENT TOWARDS MAKING THE DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVE THE THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF ISSUES TO WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD URGENTLY SEEK EFFECTIVE AND CONSISTENT SOLUTIONS.

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